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Sent via email to: ramya.krishnan@knightcolumbia.org
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Ms. Ramya Krishnan
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New York, NY 10004

Dear Ms. Krishnan and Mr. Kaufman:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 13, 2017. This office never received your original request; however, the Department of the Navy's FOIA appeal adjudication authority recently brought your request to our attention. Subsequently, this office located the similar USMC request DON-USMC-2018-002646 and, for the purposes of this request we have assigned the case number DON-NAVY-2018-007612.

In processing your request, this office has coordinated with the 32 major commands within the Navy, who subsequently coordinated with their subordinate sub-commands. Those commands provided this office four documents totaling (6) pages as responsive to item number 1 in your request. In regard to items two and three those commands stated "that they have no records responsive to this request". Upon review of the four documents responsive to portion one of your request it has been determined that those documents are released to you in their entirety.

If you are not satisfied with this action, under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you may appeal the extension of the statutory twenty days for processing your request by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter.

In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Patterson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. Patterson

HEAD, DON FOIA/PA Program Office